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AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE MATTER WITHIN ALCHEMAX'S LIMITED ACCESS POLICY WAS NOT AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT INITIALLY APPEARED.
INDICATIONS ARE THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE SUBJECTS REMAIN AT LARGE.
THAT THEY EVER ESCAPED OUR FACILITIES IS INDEED REGRETFUL.
THEY WILL MOST LIKELY BE OPERATING UNDER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ALIASES...
REED RICHARDS--MR. FANTASTIC. SUSAN RICHARDS--INVISIBLE WOMAN. JOHNNY STORM--HUMAN TORCH. BEN GRIMM--THING.
THE ORIGINAL FANTASTIC FOUR? COULD IT BE...?
WHILE THERE IS A REWARD FOR THEIR CAPTURE--THESE ARE HIGHLY DANGEROUS SUBJECTS!
WE ADVISE REPORTING ANY SIGHTINGS TO STARK-FUJIKAWA OR YOUR LOCAL S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT.
REMEMBER--THE COMPUTER IMAGES YOU'VE BEEN VIEWING ARE BASED ENTIRELY ON THE SUBJECTS' PREDICTED BEHAVIOR!
JUST WHAT I NEED RIGHT NOW!
AS SPIDER-MAN, I'D LIKE TO HELP THEM. IT'S A SAFE BET STARK-FUJI'S SPIN-DOCTORING THIS ONE!
BUT AS MIGUEL O'HARA--ALCHEMAX CEO--ALL I SEE ARE STARK-FUJI'S PROBLEMS SPILLING OVER INTO OUR TERRITORY AGAIN!
I CAN JUST IMAGINE WHAT TYLER STONE WOULD SAY IF HE WAS STILL IN CHARGE...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, HIKARU? START A CITY-WIDE PANIC?
HIKARU-SAMA THOUGHT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE WARNED, MR. STONE. STARK-FUJIKAWA PAID ALCHEMAX PRIME RATE FOR USE OF THEIR COM-LINK.
PLEASE-- RELAX. YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, RECOVERING FROM AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
RELAX?! WHILE YOU RUB THE STINK OF THIS FIASCO ALL OVER ALCHEMAX?
"LIMITED ACCESS POLICY" MY ASSETS!
YOU'RE ONLY IN NEW YORK BECAUSE OF SOME TWEN-CEN TRADE AGREEMENT, HIKARU!
AND THAT COULD CHANGE VERY QUICKLY!
AND YOU ARE ONLY IN MY OFFICE AS A COURTESY, MR. STONE. YOU CURRENTLY WIELD NO POWER AT ALCHEMAX.
I SUSPECT ANY STRUGGLE BETWEEN YOU AND MR. O'HARA MIGHT LEAVE AN OPENING FOR... OTHER INTERESTS TO MOVE IN?
AND STARK-FUJI IS VERY INTERESTED, ISN'T IT?
OUR ANCESTRAL ROOTS ARE IN THIS CITY, YES.
TZZUP
THEN IT'S TOO BAD I'M NOT DEAD, HIKARU-- BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL GET MY TOWN.

LOCATING THE FOUR WILL BE NO PROBLEM, HEROD. I ASSURE YOU.
SINCE THEY REPRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT, I'VE EMPLOYED THE VERY BEST RETRIEVAL AGENCY...
BUT I DON'T WANT THEM RETRIEVED--I WANT THEM DEAD!
AS DEAD AS THE PAST THAT THEY REPRESENT!
I THOUGHT HE'D NEVER LEAVE!
WELL, NOW THAT IT'S JUST THE GROWN-UPS, HIKARU...
...I'D APPRECIATE A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THIS FANTASTIC FARCE!
I SEE.
IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, COULD WE EXPECT YOUR SUPPORT... IF DISAGREEMENTS AROSE WITH ALCHEMAX?
AND INTERFERE WITH FREE MARKET FORCES? SORRY, OLD SOCK!
TIME IS MONEY--AND WITH ONLY FIVE YEARS UNTIL AMERICA'S SUCKED DRY, EVERY SECOND COUNTS!
HERE'S AN IDEA, HIKARU--PLAY TO WIN!
EVERYONE ELSE IS!
TZUP!
THERE WILL BE NO WINNERS IN YOUR GAME, MADMAN!
FIVE YEARS...
...FIVE YEARS TO FIND THE LAST REFUGE...

CHIMERA?
WAKE UP, BABE--YOU ARE SERIOUSLY DREAM-CHALLENGED RIGHT NOW!
...LAST CHANCE...
...NO REFUGE...
...STOP FOLLOWING ME...
NO...
...LEAVE ME ALONE...
HOW LONG...
...HOW MANY TIMES...
--HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO KILL YOU?!
HOW 'BOUT NONE?
IT'S ME, CHIMERA--JOHNNY STORM? Y'KNOW--THE GUY WHO STOPPED YOU FROM BEING STREET PIZZA?
FWOOSH!
JOHNNY--? OH! OH, I'M SO--
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? THAT ROCK-GUY? THE BLONDE?
REED?

I...I DON'T KNOW, CHIMERA.
I BARELY GOT US UP HERE AFTER THE FANTASTI-CAR BLEW BEFORE THE LIGHTS WENT OUT ON ME, TOO!
BY THE TIME I CHECKED THE WRECK, IT WAS HISTORY. NO ONE THERE BUT SOME STREET TOUGHS...
HM. VULTURE-BOYS, MAYBE. OR BOUNTY WANNA-BE'S. PROBABLY SOME CREDITS AROUND OUR NECKS...
THE NEGATIVE ZONE? WHY WOULD THAT MATTER?
WONDER IF WORD'S ON THE WIRE WE'RE FROM THE ZONE?
YOU FORGET TO SAVE? I'M NOT TALKING THE HALO CITY NIGHTCLUB HERE, YOU KNOW!
THEN AGAIN... MAYBE YOU DON'T. NOT IF YOU'VE REALLY BEEN ZONED THE LAST CENTURY!
OH, THE POSSIBILITIES...
TIME TO ROCKET, TORCHY! THE GIRL'S HUNGRY--AND NOW SHE NEEDS A NEW GUN, TOO!
FOOD'S A QUICK CLICK--AND I HEAR IT'S APPLE-EASY TO LOCK AND LOAD NOW THAT DOOM'S NOT PRESIDENT.
DOOM?!

DOOM?!
A BO
DIREC
AME
MAYBE... MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE FUTURE! NOT OUR FUTURE, AT LEAST...
NO! IT CAN'T BE--!
BA-CHOOM!
WE AIN'T GOT NO FUTURE IF YOU DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR, REED! SEE, SOMETHIN' TELLS ME--
--THESE LADIES AIN'T OUT TO ASK US TO NO DEBUTANTE BALL!
TOLD YOU I SPOTTED THAT ORANGE THING THE MEGACORP'S AFTER, BARBIE!
CHOOM!
BA-CHOOM!
GOOD EYES, MIDGE! THAT REWARD'S GONNA BUY US A KILLER SHOPPING SPREE!
POUR ON THE 7CC, GIRLS! DON'T LET THESE KENS FORGET THEIR DATE WITH THE NEW YORK DOLLS!
KOOM!
HEY--IS DIAMONDS STILL A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND IN 2099?
WELL, SORRY, LADIES--BUT HERE'S THE ONLY ROCK I GOT FOR YOU!
KOOM! KOOM! KOOM!
BA-KOOM!
SHEESH! AN' I PICKED THAT OUT MYSELF!
WELL, NO TIME TO BE PICKY NOW, 'CAUSE NOW--IT'S CLOBBER--

HUH? WHAT TH--? DOOM?
THOOM!
--UUMP!
PERFECT, BEN! ROLL WITH THE BLOW--
--I HAVE A PLAN!
AW NO, STRETCHO-- I HATE IT WHEN YOU SAY--
--THAAAAAAT!
BWOOINNG!
SO THIS IS MY FUTURE, huh? ME--THE IDOL A'MILLIONS-- REDUCED TA BEIN' BOWLIN' BALL BENJI...TEN-PIN BEN GRIMM...
WOT TA REVOLTIN' DEVELOPMENT!
KA-ROOM!
COMIN' THROUGH, LADIES!
THEY WON'T BE GONE FOR LONG!
I BESEECH YOU-- FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY--COME WITH ME!
"THE REWARD'S FOR HOW MUCH, HARRY...?"

...FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, THAT'S A LOT OF--
NO, NO, I GOT ONE RIGHT HERE, HARRY-- THE GIRL!
TROUBLE IS SHE'S STILL ALIVE.
WELL, BY LAW ANY GOOD CITIZEN HAS TO HAND HER OVER TO--
YEAH, I'LL SEND THE BODY STRAIGHT TO HELCORP RIVER STYX OVER AND--
MY, MY, MY-- THAT'S A VERY GENEROUS BONUS, HARRY. AND I NEVER WAS A VERY GOOD CITIZEN...
--WHA--?!?
KOOM!
IT'S MY INVISIBLE FORCE-FIELD, MR. STYX, --AND I COULD EASILY CRUSH YOU WITH IT!
LUCKILY, I'M A BETTER CITIZEN THAN YOU ARE!
AND I'M A HELCORP O-MAN, ANGEL. ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, YOU'LL HAVE A VERY BAD DAY.
TRUST ME-- I DON'T THINK IT COULD GET ANY...
...WORSE?
DOOM?
OF COURSE DOOM.
FIRST THING IN THIS WORLD THAT'S MADE ANY SENSE!

LAST THING, TOO.
OH SURE-- BUSINESS IS BOOMING UNDER THE NEW PRESIDENT...
...BUT YOU ASK ME, CAPTAIN AMERICA'S UNDERMINING THIS COUNTRY'S VERY SO--
--WAHHL!
OH, PLEASE!
YOU CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT THE CAPTAIN AMERICA!
LIVING LEGEND OF THE TWEN CENT? FOUND CRYOGIZED IN THE ANTARCTIC? IT WAS ON EVERY COM-LINK, ANGEL...
SORRY. I WAS BUSY IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE.
THE ZONE? NO WONDER...
THAT...
...IS THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES!
IT'S ALMOST BEEN A PLEASURE, MR. STYX-- BUT I HAVE TO FIND MY FAMILY NOW
AND WHILE IT'S FLATTERING, MY NAME ISN'T ANGEL-- IT'S SUE RICHARDS.
UM, BETTER STAY CLOSE, ANGEL. YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THIS TERRAIN-- AND YOU'RE JUST TOO EASY TO SPOT.
WELL, THEN, I'LL BE SEEING YOU, SUE RICHARDS.
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...

--CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, MR....?
MOSLEY WILSON--PILGRIM MOSLEY WILSON, MR. RICHARDS.
YES--I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. AFTER ALL, I'M A KEEPER OF THE FLAME IN THE CHURCH OF THOR!
THOR'S GOT A CHURCH? Y'MEAN HE BEAT OUT ELVIS?
MR. GRIMM--THE TRUE BELIEVERS ARE NO FRINGE CULT LIKE THE ELVINGELICALS, COBAINIANS, OR EVEN SPIDER-WORSHIPPERS!
THRAK
SORRY, PADRE! NO DISRESPECT, IT'S JUST...
HEY! IS IT MY BABY BLUES OR IS THIS PITCHER MOVIN'...?
KOOM!
TELL ME YA SAW THAT, TOO, STRETCHO!
--THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF THOR! YES, MR. RICHARDS--IT'S OUR MOST BASIC TENET!
OF COURSE, I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED!
YES, BEN. IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF... HOLOGRAPHIC PAINTING!
IT SEEMS TO GIVE VISUALIZATION TO THE IDEA OF MAN INTO GOD--
FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST HEARD OF YOU, I KNEW YOU WERE NOT IMPOSTERS!
I KNEW YOU WERE ANOTHER SIGN OF THOR'S RETURN!

I...UM, DON'T KNOW ABOUT--
PLEASE--I OFFER YOU SANCTUARY AS APOSTLES...POSSIBLY EVEN PROPHETS OF THOR!
GEDOUTTA TOWN! WE WUZ MEBBE DRINKIN' BUDDIES WITH GOLDILOCKS, BUT--
BEN! YOU SHOULDN'T--
OOO... I WONDER WHAT THAT IS?
THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY, BEN!
PILGRIM WILSON--WATCH OUT!
TWO OF THE FOUR-- EXACTLY WHERE I KNEW THEY WOULD BE!
RUNAWAY, ATTACK FROM THE--
YEAH, YEAH-- WAY AHEAD OF YOU, BLACKSTONE!
WELL, SOMETHIN' TELLS ME IT AIN'T NO HOLY ROLLER THUNDER CLOUD, STRETCHO!
HIT 'EM HARD, TEAM--
MAKE SURE THEY NEVER FORGET...TOTAL RECALL!
THWOK!

KWAM!
SO YOU'RE THE ROCKPILE KNOWN AS THE THING?
THEY CALL ME SQUEEZE!
YA GOT A NICE TOUCH THERE, SISTER!
BUT IF YA WANNA DO THAT SLAM-DANCE, THERE'S STILL A FEW STEPS YA GOTTA--
HEY, LEGGO--!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANCIENT HISTORY, THING! SLAM-DANCING... WALTZES...
SQUEEZE HAS HER OWN MOVES!
... LEARN?
TWO TELEPORTALS COMING RIGHT UP, MY DEAR!
BLACKSTONE! TIME FOR A SQUEEZE-PLAY!

KA-P!
KA-P!
AW, THIS IS EMBARRASSIN'!
I'LL BE KICKED OUTTA MY OWN FAN CLUB, IF THEY EVER HEAR A THIS!
YOU LOOK TIRED, THING! HERE--
--HAVE A SEAT!
KA-BOOM!
I'LL TAKE THAT IF YOU DON'T MIND.
IT APPEARS YOU HAVE PLENTY OF OTHERS.
NO, NO--YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! MY GOAL HERE IS TO NOT GET SHOT--
SO IF YOU'LL JUST--
?!?
LEAVE HIM TO ME FOR A NANOSECOND, HIPSHOT!

THERE!
NOW HE'LL KEEP HIS HANDS TO HIMSELF -- COURTESY OF THE SHE-BOY SI YUNG-OF ACHMMMAY!
KA-BOOM!
YOU NEED TO WORK ON YOUR AWFUL, SON!
BUT THEN, YOU'RE HARDLY A BOY SCOUT -- AND YOU'RE ALL NOT MUCH BETTER AS ASSASSINS.
WHUMM!
WHO SAID WE'RE ASSASSINS?
THAT'S WHY THEY CALL'D THE BEST SHOOTIN' HERO MEN IN THE BIZ!
YOU AND THE ROCKPILE'S YOUR JUST PROPERTY, BOUNCING BOY!
STARK-FUJIKAWA OWNS YOU AND WANTS YOU BACK!

--THIS STUFF'S NOT CALLED SOYLENT GREEN, IS IT, CHIMERA?
WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT'S THAT?
NEVER MIND. LAME JOKE.
Y'KNOW, THIS ISN'T BAD, REALLY. TASTES KINDA LIKE CHICKEN...
SPEAKING OF WEIRD...
FROM THE STREET SIGNS, WE SHOULD BE RIGHT ON THE BIG APPLE'S WATERFRONT.
SO, UM, WHERE'S THE WATER?
ONLY ABOUT A HUNDRED BLOCKS OUT, JOHNNY.
IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOREVER--ALL MY LIFE!
WELL, I REMEMBER WHEN THERE WERE DOCKS RIGHT HERE AND BOATS AND LONGSHOREMEN...
...AND RATS AND DEAD FISH AND...
OKAY--LET'S BOOK AND FIND THE OTHERS BEFORE I SINK IN MEMORY LANE, HERE.
BUT I DON'T HAVE A WEAPON YET!
HEY--KEEP IT DOWN, GIRL.
I MEAN, I TOLD YOU BEFORE--I'LL PROTECT YOU!
REALLY, JOHNNY?
ATTENTION, CITIZENS. BY SUPPORT COLUMN AC-2--YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
SHOW ME!

FLAME ON!
AGENT VACHHS TO SHIELD-CENTRAL--YOUR DATA WAS ON-LINE!
ROUTINE CREDIT-TRACE ON FOOD PURCHASES LED STRAIGHT TO WANTED PERP!
SHE IS STILL ASSOCIATING WITH AT LEAST ONE STARK-FUJIKAWA FUGITIVE!
APPREHENSION IS IMMINENT!
VRAMM!
IT IS!
HEY--NO ONE TOLD ME!
FWUMP!
NGH!
VACHHS HAS BEEN HIT! REPEAT--VACHHS HAS BEEN HIT!
SHIELD-CENTRAL--WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS!
DON'T LET THE HOTHEAD GET AWAY! AMIRO! STAY ON HIM!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME--I'M FINE!
THOK!
TOOK YOU SHOCKING TROOPERS LONG ENOUGH TO GET HERE!
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY--GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE GUNS!

PUM! PUM! PUM! PUM! PUM! PUM!
NGH!
HOW MANY PULSORS IN A ROW *THAT* TIME, HIPSHOT? THIRTY? *FIFTY?*
LOOKS LIKE THE *ROCK* GOT AS MUCH LIFE LEFT IN [redacted] AS *TAFFY-MAN* DOES! YEAH!
"...I'D SAY THEY *DESERVE* EACH OTHER!"
AAAH-!
FWOMP!
MMGF!
GET...GET THE PADRE... AN' GET *OUT*, STRETCHO...
I'LL HANDLE THESE YANCY STREET *WANNABE'S*...
CAN'T DO THAT...OLD FRIEND...
...WE'RE [redacted] THIS *TOGETHER!*

IT'S NOT OVER YET?
MY TURN!
THE BOY CERTAINLY ENJOYS HIS WORK...
...IN A RATHER RABID WAY...
RUNAWAY LIKES TO KEEP MOVING--BUT I NEED A CHALLENGE, BLACKSTONE!
YOU SAID THERE'D BE FOUR!
AND THERE IS, SQUEEZE. THE OTHERS ARE--
HM. IT APPEARS SHIELD IS CLOSING IN ON THE HUMAN TORCH...AND THE INVISIBLE WOMAN, ALSO, IF THEY'RE ON THEIR TOES.
UNLIKELY, BUT...
...IT COULD COST US HALF OF OUR RETRIEVAL FEE!
EXCUSE ME ONE MOMENT, SQUEEZE...
...I SHOULD RETURN BEFORE MR. FANTASTIC AND THE THING ARE BEATEN TO DEATH!

--YOU'RE BEATEN, TORCH! OUTNUMBERED, OUTPOWERED, OUTCLASSED...
THEN I'M OUTTA HERE!
V-boom!
V-TUNG!
HEY-- LOOK! IS THAT GALACTUS?
OH, CENTRAL'S GONNA LOVE THIS!
GET ON THE GRID, PEOPLE! SCAN AHEAD WITH INFRA!
EASY--?
GET JAGGED, TORCH! THAT MIGHT'VE WORKED... ON FIRST-LEVEL SCHOOLERS!
BUT DIS-TRACKING AGENTS OF SHIELD ISN'T QUITE AS--
IT IS TOTALLY GREAT TO SEE YOU, SIS--BUT THEN, YOU ALWAYS KNEW HOW TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE!
THANKS FOR THE QUICK FADE-AND-SAVE. GUESS I'M LUCKY YOU FOUND ME, HUM?
JOHNNY-- YOU WERE BEING CHASED BY A DOZEN PEOPLE AND LEAVING FIRE-TRAILS ACROSS THE SKY!
I ONLY HOPE FINDING REED AND BEN IS HALF AS EASY! BUT IF SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THEM--
HAPPENED...? CHIMERA--!
ARSALA, CHOI--GO HIGH AND LOW...
AND TOMÁS!-- WHO THE SHOCK'S GALACTUS?

"...CHIMERA'S OUT THERE--ALONE AND HELPLESS!"
--WANT TO SEND ME BACK TO THE ZONE? HALF OF YOU'LL GO TO HELCORP FIRST!
VCHOOM!
VVVENK!
V-CHUM!
STOP PANICKING, GIRL--THE CAVALRY'S ARRIVED!
AND WHEN YOU'RE TALKING SHIELD--NO "AGENTS OF"--GOT ANYTHING ON "SUE'S INVISIBLE FORCE!"
JOHNNY? YOU'RE ALIVE?
I KNOW, I KNOW... YOU WERE WORRIED, RIGHT?
I...COULDN'T STOP THINKING OF ALL THE HORRIBLE WAYS YOU MIGHT DIE, YES.
OH--I SEE YOU FOUND YOUR MOTHER.
SISTER.
V-DOOM!
V-DUMM!
BY THE WAY, CHIMERA--WHY WERE YOU IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE?
I DOUBT IT'S A VACATION SPOT, EVEN IN 20--
EXCUSE ME, MRS. RICHARDS, BUT THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY IS CURRENTLY REQUESTED BY TOTAL RECALL!
THIS WAY PLEASE...
WHAT--?
HEY--!
HANG ON, CHIMERA! WE'RE NOT GONNA LOSE SUE--

--AGAIN!
UH-OH! THIS IS NOT GOOD! THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT GOOD!
HEADS UP, SIS!
OH, NO!
BEN?
REED?
THAT'S RIGHT, "SIS"...
...AND GUESS WHO'S NEXT!
CONTINUED!